IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Dexter, et al. Art Unit: 3677

Serial No.: 10/812,614 Examiner: SAETHER, Flemming

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For: SNAP RING WITH DEBRIS-

REDUCING CROSS-SECTIONAL PROFILE

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL, SUBMITTED WITH RCE UNDER 37 CFR §1.114(d)

MAIL STOP AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed on 05/29/2007 for the above-identified patent application, please consider the following amendments and remarks hereby submitted with an accompanying Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR §1.114(d), and payment of the fee therefore under 37 CFR §1.17(e).

Amendments to the **Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.